
Subject: Re: can i place a job advert
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Paul van Delst <paul.vandelst@noaa.gov> writes:

> "Pavel A. Romashkin" wrote:

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>> Oh, people have done much worse things here and got away with it. Like

>> admitting to using common blocks. Go ahead...

> Wot's wrong with common blocks? They seem like quite useful beasts to me.

Paul:

You obviously don't belong to the right religion. ;^)

Seriously, I also use common blocks. I use them because:

1. They're easy, and get the job done.
2. Not everything is a widget program!!!
3. Even in widget programs, they can be used to maintain information after the widget program has been killed.

The main objections to common blocks have been:

1. Sloppy programming can cause problems, if different programs have different versions of the common block. That's pretty easy to get around, though. Typically, I use include files, so that all programs have exactly the same common blocks.
2. In widget programs, common blocks restrict you to only one copy of the widget at any one time. I think this is sometimes overemphasized, but is certainly a true disadvantage.

William Thompson
